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WITH SELECTABLE APERTURING

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Sir:

With respect to the examination of the accompanying application, applicants cite the following documents, copies of which are enclosed. These documents are also listed on an accompanying form PTO-1449.

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REMARKS

The foregoing patents relate to spectrometers, infrared microscopes, and infrared imaging systems.

It is thus requested that the foregoing documents be considered during examination of the accompanying application and be made of record therein.

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